

SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH WITHHOLDING PLAN

- The withholding for the Department of Mental Health is \$6.4 million, which is 1.2 percent of the department's general revenue budget (2.9 percent of its reserve base). In addition, \$13.8 million in unplanned earnings will be transferred to general revenue.
- In order to keep layoffs and interruption of services at a minimum, the department will replace \$2.9 million of the withholding with other funds, reducing the withholding impact to \$3.5 million, less than one percent of the general revenue budget.
- The department administrative withhold is \$1.7 million.
- This plan focuses on administrative savings in order to minimize the impact on services to residents of state facilities and consumers in community programs.
- Savings were made available through consolidation of some administrative positions within six Regional Centers. Layoffs will occur, however, duties will be reassigned to existing staff and services will not be interrupted.
- Savings were also realized through attrition and not filling vacancies. However, existing staff will absorb critical duties to assure the continuation of quality services.
- There will be significant withholdings on expense and equipment funds such as administrative expenses, travel, training, and the purchase of equipment.
- Additionally, there will be reductions for the maintenance and repair of vehicles and other equipment.